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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, the 30th August 1961

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

English Text-Book

* 294 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of copies of English Text-Book published by the Department of Education for Standard V in 1960–61;

(*b*) the amount spent on the publication; and

(*c*) the amount realised by sale up to 1st July 1960?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 5,50,000.

(*b*) Roughly Rupees Three Lakhs.

(*c*) Rs. 2·13 lakhs up to 31st August 1960.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know what is the sale price of each copy?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : 65 nP.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : It is stated that the amount spent on publication is Rs. 3 lakhs and that the amount realised by way of sale of books is Rs. 2·13 lakhs. Am I to understand that Government have incurred a loss?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There are some more copies to be sold.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know how many copies still remain to be sold?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the exact figure. My impression is that about a lakh or a lakh and a half books remain to be sold.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether complaints have been received that there were a number of mistakes in the text-book?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Some suggestions were made for improvement. There were not technically mistakes. Some suggestions were made that the phraseology could be changed. When another edition is brought out, it will be kept in view.

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DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Is it a fact that the same text-book will be used next year also and that there may not be any loss?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have already informed the hon. Member that there won't be any loss because a lakh or a lakh and a half books have to be sold. The same text-book has been prescribed for this year also. I am sure all the copies would be sold this year.

Language Pandits

* 295 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the qualifications prescribed for the Language Pandits in the State are insisted on in the case of those in Kanyakumari district; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to equate the Travancore-Cochin State qualifications with the qualifications of this State in respect of the Language Pandits?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir. In the case of individuals appointed after 1st November 1956.

(*b*) No general proposal is under consideration.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : With regard to Pandits already appointed—Malayalam and Hindi Pandits appointed prior to 1st November 1956 and who held confirmed posts—cannot their qualifications be equated with Madras qualifications?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Madras qualification requires a training. But as far as Kerala was concerned, no training was required. Therefore, those qualifications cannot be equated with these.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that IX Class certificate-holders with teacher training certificates and the Sahitya Visharad of the Travancore-Cochin University have not been promoted to the old second grade of the Travancore-Cochin State though Tamil Pandits have been promoted like that?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have got a qualification prescribed for being appointed as Pandits, that is, they should have had the training, either the Pandits' training or the secondary grade training. If there was the training for those persons who were already employed, then certainly they would have got into the Madras grade. Those who did not have that qualification will be kept on in the Travancore-Cochin State scale of pay. When they acquire the qualification, they are eligible to get into the Madras scale.